

# THE TIP TOPS, A SHOW AND DANCE BAND TO PERFORM ON NOVEMBER 22, 1993



The Tip Tops are a high energy dance and show band based out of Mobile, Alabama. The musical emphasis is 60's, Motown and rhythm and blues. The 4 Tops, Otis Redding, The Temptations and Marvin Gaye are just a sample of the artists The Tip Tops touch on. Mix in some 50's from Elvis and Sam Cooke and some 80's from Kool and The Gang and The Commodores and you have 3 decades of musical history.

Beautiful, Sensuous, Glittering, are just a few small words to describe "The Toppettes" A show in itself these young ladies have mesmerized audiences throughout the southeast. The Supremes, Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight, and The Pointer Sisters are just a few of the favorite artists "the Toppettes" repertoire brings to your venue.

The High Energy, Fast Stepping Brass Section (The Dancing Horns) made The Tip Tops a total entertainment package. Five Part harmony, Choreography, and costume changes will ensure you having a most enjoyable evening.



These students were among the five who were recognized for their achievements in the Health Careers Opportunity Program at Bishop State Community College. Shown here looking over a list of the program are, from left, Adrian Ligon, chemistry and biology; Katrina Robinson, communications and master student; Carmen Pharr, Math I; and Jswanda Jones, Math II. Not shown is Kenrico Oakley, physics and medical terminology.

## Bishop State's HCOP Recognizes Five Students

Five students who participated in the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at Bishop State Community College have been recognized for their achievements.

They are among the 30 high school seniors and pre-college students with interests in pursuing majors in the health profession other than nursing who participated in the eighth summer enrichment program.

The students who were recognized in their area of discipline and were

awarded plaques are: Kenrico Oakley, physics and medical terminology; Adrian Ligon, chemistry and biology; Carmen Pharr, Math I; Jswanda Jones, Math II; and Katrina Robinson, communications and master student. Robinson also received a trophy for outstanding student in the Scholar's Bowl.

HCOP Director Catherine Perine said all the students in the program were outstanding. "We hope they obtained some skills and knowledge that will assist them in achieving their health career goals."

## Students Honored by Dental Assistants' Association

Leslie Fortson, a student in Bessemer State Technical College's Dental Assistant Program, received the Outstanding Dental Assistant Student Award at the 1993 Annual Session of the Alabama Dental Assistants' Association in Gulf Shores. This award is presented to the student with outstanding achieve-

ments in the study of dental assisting.

Nell Lewis, Dental Assistant instructor at Bessemer State, received the Lurie Trophy. This award is presented to the local society having the best educational program. Ms. Lewis also received the Walter J. Pelton Award which recognizes the community service and pro-

## Gulf Regional Childcare Provides Scholarships

Gulf Regional Childcare Management Agency will provide ten tuition scholarships to Child Development students from the Reid State Technical College child care community. Gulf Regional Childcare will work closely with Reid State by providing instructors, instructor materials, assisting in the purchase of classroom materials recruiting students and obtaining national credential status.

Dr. McBride, Reid State president, states, "As Reid State continues its growth, partnerships with agencies such as Gulf Regional Childcare Management Agency, will allow us to work cooperatively with community agencies and assist students obtain gainful employment. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Gulf Regional Childcare and its staff."

Child Development is a relatively new program in the Reid State program offerings. Beginning fall quarter, day and evening classes will be offered each quarter. Child Development prepares students for employment in private and public childcare agencies.

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fessional advancement.

A 1991 graduate of Bessemer State, Ms. Stephanie Joyner received the Vallie Stewart Trophy for the best historical scrapbook on display at the Annual Session.



## Three Baseball Players at JDCC chosen in the Professional Baseball Draft

Keeping up with a tradition of putting college baseball players into the professional ranks, Jefferson Davis Community College had three players chosen in the recent June professional baseball draft. First baseman Jarrod Patterson was chosen in the 20th round by the New York Mets. Patterson played first base for the Warhawks and led the team in hitting with a .468 batting average. He was named All-Region in each of his two seasons at JDCC, capping off his collegiate career by being named All-American. Patterson has reported to Port St. Lucie, Florida to begin his professional baseball career.

Third baseman Jarrod Fryman was selected in the 24th round by the Milwaukee Brewers. Fryman, a JDCC freshman, impressed professional scouts with his raw ability and potential talent in the infield as well as at the plate. Fryman is following in the footsteps of his brothers, Travis, an infielder with the Detroit Tigers and Troy, a former JDCC player currently in the minor league system of the Chicago White Sox. Jarrod has reported to Scottsdale, Arizona to begin his career with the Brewers.

Left handed pitcher Mike Kimbrell was drafted in the 34th round by the Milwaukee Brewers. Kimbrell is a transfer from Southeast Louisiana where he was a red-shirt freshman. After coming to Jefferson Davis and fine tuning his talents with pitching coach Mac Seibert, Kimbrell became the Warhawks premiere pitcher out of the bullpen. He chose to return to Jefferson Davis and complete his education and further his baseball talents. The Milwaukee Brewers will still have the option to sign Kimbrell after he completes his sophomore season at Jefferson Davis.

## National Network Spotlights Wallace State College -- Hanceville

The NBC Nightly News brought "America Closeup" to Wallace State College-Hanceville and the Workplace Literacy Program being implemented at Tyson Foods by the college.

The segment featuring Wallace State College appeared in August.

Washington correspondent John Cochran said he became interested in the program when Wallace State College-Hanceville and Tyson Foods were recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in Washington as outstanding partners in education.

The two were recognized upon receiving the largest U.S. Department of Education grant in the nation. The \$1.2 million grant will expand and continue the workplace literacy program already in place at Tyson Foods and being administered by Wallace State College.

Wallace State College-Hanceville President Dr. James C. Bailey said, "This Workplace Literacy program will impact education nationwide, so we are happy to see it receiving national attention. We want people to have the opportunity to learn more about the program because the more people are aware of it, the more people can

benefit.

"At Wallace State College we are proud to be the educational partner in such an important and innovative program," Bailey said.

Tyson spokesman Archie Shaffer said, "John Cochran became interested in the Tyson Improvement Program after hearing the testimony of one of our workers at the press conference in Washington."

Cochran asked Tyson Foods officials to allow him to speak with students during his visit to the area, and Mae and David Key of Blountsville were selected.

"He interviewed a young husband-wife couple who both completed the Tyson Improvement Program and graduated recently. They have small children and for them it was a real effort to complete the classes," Shaffer said.

TIP improves workplace skills with basic skills classes designed to improve grade levels by two grades upon completion. Tyson Foods provides facilities and child care, among other benefits, while Wallace State College-Hanceville acts as educational partner and provides educational resources.

## Calhoun Staff Member Completes Fulbright Experience

Dr. Izora P. Harrison, director of Minority Affairs and Student Information Services at Calhoun, has just returned from a five-week study seminar in China, Sponsored by the Fulbright Foundation.

Dr. Harrison was one of 13 Fulbright Scholars Selected to participate in the study seminar, where the scholars studied 12 areas of Chinese art and developed a curriculum unit on one.

Before leaving, Dr. Harrison said that she wanted to use what she learned about China to help Calhoun and the local community. She said it's one way

she plans to contribute to the college becoming a world-class college.

She added, "This is one of those educational and personal growth opportunities that you can't pass up because many don't get the chance. I want to encourage other people, especially minorities, to take part in opportunities outside their immediate areas and outside the country as well."

As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Harrison becomes the fifth Calhoun faculty and staff person to be accepted in the prestigious Fulbright program.

## A Time To Remember

Sparks State Technical College (SSTC) is celebrating 27 years of educational service to Eufaula and surrounding cities.

During the past 27 years, many changes have occurred. Mr. Dan Blalock, Business Manager, and Mr. Don Scroggins, Electronics Instructor, have been employed at SSTC since its doors opened and have witnessed SSTC's transition from trade school to technical college. According to Mr. Blalock, "The Business Office's major change has been in budget size. Because of the tremendous growth in enrollment, our budgets have expanded considerably." Another noted change in the Sparks Tech business arena is the change in tuition and in the admissions policy. "Tuition was \$15.00 per month when we opened, and anybody could enter a program at any time, no matter if it was the middle or end of a quarter," Mr. Blalock adds.

Instructional programs have also changed over the past 27 years. "The computer age has changed business programs considerably," states Mr. Blalock, who was an instructor in the Business program prior to becoming Business Manager. "The biggest thing in 1966 was the rotary calculator, something that was really great! Now we have computerized the accounting program and added word processors and electronic calculators to the office information systems curriculum." Probably the program most influenced by advanced technology is Mr. Scroggins' program. "In 1966, I taught radio and television repair," Mr. Scroggins states. "At this time, black-and-white televisions and transistor radios were the mainstay. In 27 years we've gone from vacuum tubes to microchips and from antennas to cable wiring. Computers have also been integrated into the Electronics program."

Along with Mr. Blalock and Mr. Scroggins, who have both been at SSTC

for 27 years, Mr. Billy Porter and Mr. Derrell Dukes have been instructors since 1968; Mr. Huey Campbell, since 1970; and Mr. Howard Pitchford, since 1972. Ms. Judy Marshall, who is herself a Sparks Tech graduate, has also been employed since 1972 in the Business Office.

Sparks State Technical College was established as Sparks State Trade School by act of the Alabama Legislature in 1963. On July 6, 1966, the College opened with nine departments and an enrollment of 44 students. O. T. Smith was the first Director, and Mr. Motier Cope was Assistant Director. The name was again changed in 1968 to Sparks State Technical Institute. In 1972, O. T. Smith retired and Motier Cope succeeded him as Director. With the offering of the Associate in Applied Technology degree in 1974, the name became Sparks State Technical College (SSTC). In 1988, Mr. Cope retired, and Dr. Linda C. Young was appointed President of SSTC, making her the first female technical college president in Alabama history. Sparks continues to experience record-breaking enrollment.

## BSCC Class Visits IP'S Erling Riis Research Laboratory

The pulp and paper manufacturing class at Bishop State Community College recently received hands-on experience in making and testing paper during a visit to International Paper Co.'s Erling Riis Research Laboratory (ERRL) in Mobile.

The Chemical Technology Program at BSCC trains chemical technicians for chemical and paper companies.

During the visit, students used chemical additives to develop sheets and prepared them for testing. This process is done before mill trials can be accomplished, said McDonald Moore, the program's coordinator.

The program was developed at

the request of local chemical and paper companies. These companies, along with BSCC staff members, plan the curriculum to meet the needs of laboratories within the companies, said Moore.

Since the program's inception, ERRL has hired 13 BSCC graduates.

Moore said IP has been very cooperative and supportive of the program. The visit was supervised by Michael A. Nemier, research associate, and Betty Lofton, research technician. Ms. Lofton is a graduate of BSCC's Chemical Technology Program. ERRL's Lea J. Brithaupt is chairman of the Chemical Technology Advisory Board at Bishop State.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently initiated a Division of Chemical Technicians. Moore has been appointed to serve on its advisory board.



## Brenda Barnes Granted Educational Doctorate

Mrs. Brenda R. Barnes of Headland, Director of Admissions at Wallace College, received her Educational Doctorate in Administration of Higher Education from the University of Alabama, May 15.

Dr. Barnes earned her Bachelor

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of Science degree in Business Education and Master of Education degree in Vocational Business Education from Auburn University. She taught business subjects at the high school level for several years before joining the Wallace College staff.

Starting as a part-time business instructor, she later became secretary to then dean, Dr. Larry Beaty (now president of the college) and advanced to director of admissions and records. Last year at Honors Day, she received the Faculty Recognition Award.

She is secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. She is past chapter president and state scholarships chairman for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and has held numerous district and state offices in that organization.

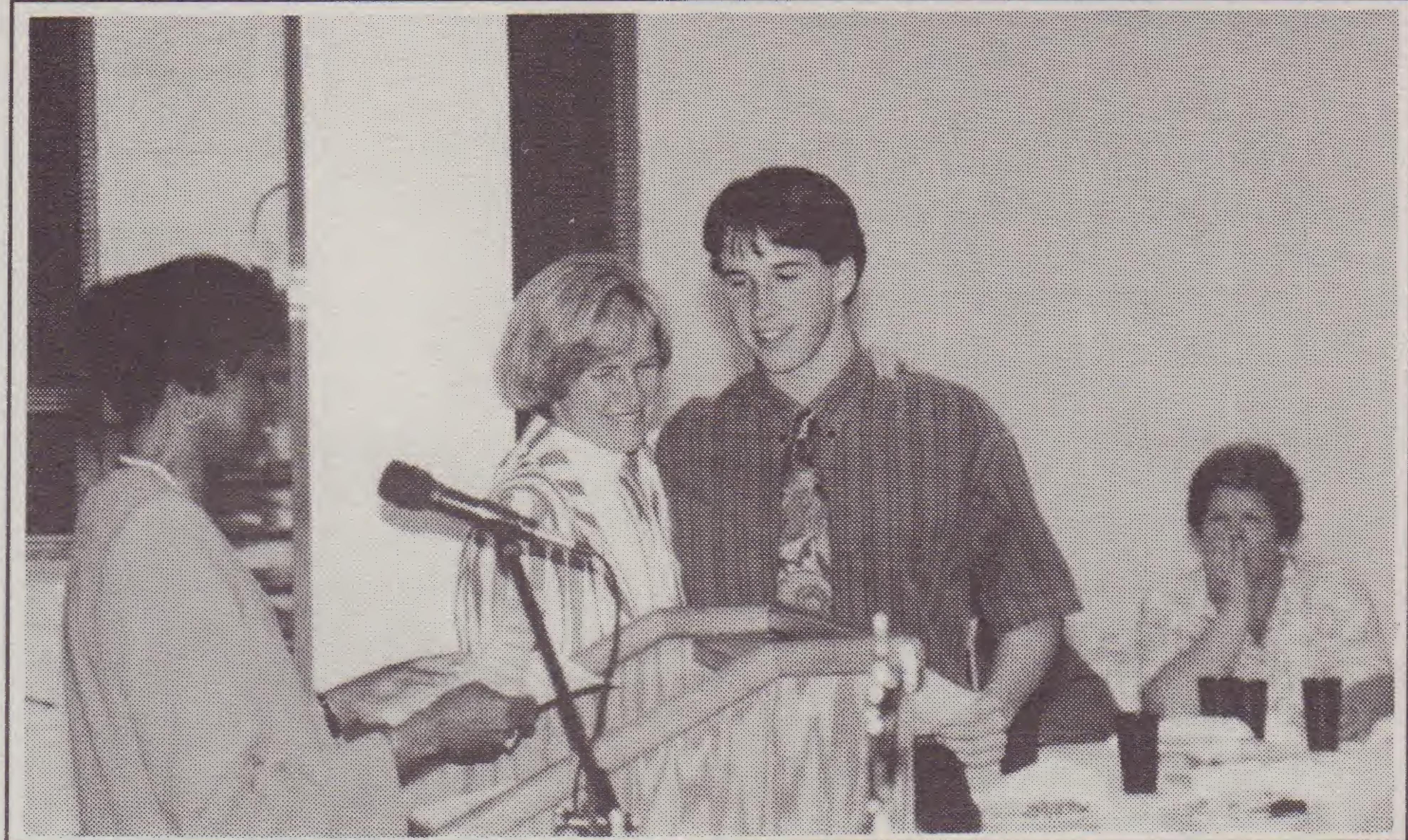
Dr. Barnes was on the steering committee for the southeast regional Delta Kappa Gamma convention which met in Mobile, July 28-August 1.

She plans to present her dissertation, entitled "A Research-Based Guide for Enrollment Management Within the Alabama Community College," at the National Strategic Enrollment seminar in St. Louis, Mo., in November. The meeting will be sponsored by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

An honor graduate of Headland High School, she is active in the First Baptist Church of Headland and has served as vice-president of the Parent Teacher Assn. She is on the Legislative Committee of the Henry County Auburn Club.

Dr. Barnes and her husband, Bill, an architect, have a son, Adam, 13. She is the daughter of Mrs. Arthur Roney of Headland and the late Mr. Roney.

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Lena Dexter, Director and Patsy Robertson, Advisor present Jeremiah Burk, an upward bound student with a certificate.

## Upward Bound at Faulkner State

At the close of what could only be described as an exciting year, Upward Bound Director, Lena Dexter and Upward Bound Advisor, Patsy Robertson were very enthusiastic both about the past year and what next year holds for the program.

"There were some obstacles to overcome right at first," said Dexter. "People often think we are a drop-out prevention program. Actually all the students we helped over the year had a 3.0 or better grade point average. They have the academic potential, but are lacking the motivation and encouragement to continue their studies."

Dexter and Robertson identified 50 students from the five Baldwin County high schools through teacher recommendations and interviews with students and parents. "This is a parent involved type program," said Robertson. The interviews were held wherever they could get together.

During the year, these 50 students came to Faulkner State one Saturday per month and concentrated on English, math and science skills. Then this summer the real challenge began. The students became "residents"

of the college. The students were on campus all week and took classes in English, math, science and electives that included computer science, music, and keyboarding. Outside the classroom there were cultural events that the students attended. One such was the Shakespeare Festival's production of "A Midsummer's Nights Dream". "I think most of the students thought they would sleep through the whole presentation. But they didn't," said Robertson. "This was probably the highlight of all the events," said Dexter. For many, this was the first time they had been to Montgomery and attended a play. There were other events ranging from tours of local museums, the Battleship Alabama, local colleges and areas of interest in the county. Tom Kling, Katherine Langham, Dawn Peterson, and Deania Johnson were the residence advisors for the group of students. All student advisors expressed the feeling that they were both glad and sad to see the summer come to an end. "They didn't expect to get so attached to the kids," said Dexter.

Feedback from the parents was very positive. The comment most often

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given was that the parents hardly recognized their child. The change was always positive. "We empower them to become advocates for themselves," said Dexter. The next data will come from the schools during the year, as Robertson continues her contact with the students to see how well they are doing in school.

The first group of Upward Bound "graduates" will be on the campus of FSCC next summer quarter as regular Faulkner Students. The program has been funded for two more years.

Perhaps the best commentary about how the students themselves felt about the program is summed up in the following poem written by Sylennia Sullivan, an Upward Bound student:

*Farewell to Upward Bound '93  
At this time, as we say goodbye,  
We hope the new found friendships  
will not die,  
And we try hard to not shed a tear  
With hopes that we will see each other  
next year.  
The classes are over with the books  
all turned in.  
Now we just wait for this banquet to  
end;  
Then, we will all go our own ways,  
Some to the same cities, but, not to  
the same hideaways.  
I have always been told to never say  
goodbye.  
But to say: Until next time.  
So on this note we give these words:  
Farewell for now  
We shall return  
And always remember  
We have summers to burn.*

## EC-TPAD Program at Jeff Davis

According to Dale Parnell, author of "Every Student a Winner," "this country must learn to meet the educational needs of the "neglected majority" -- 75 percent in most places -- who are not likely to earn a college baccalaureate degree."

Parnell is quoted as saying, "if the sole purpose of education is to prepare students for college degrees and graduate studies, our educational system is failing by design, leaving the majority of students unprepared for the jobs of the future -- or even for the next step in education."

Jefferson Davis Community College, the Escambia County, Conecuh County, and Brewton City School Systems are working cooperatively to promote Tech prep in an effort to reach this "neglected majority."

The Escambia Conecuh Tech-Prep Associate Degree (EC-TRAD) program will combine competency-based teaching, articulate programs between secondary and postsecondary institutions and serve as an excellent foundation of applied academics.

The EC-TPAD consortium recently sponsored three training programs on the Brewton campus of JDCC for local educators.

On June 23, a Tech-Prep roundtable discussion for superintendents, principals and counselors was led by Dr. Jack Sasser from the Dothan City School System.

Two in-service curriculum review workshops were conducted for secondary and postsecondary instructors in welding and business office education on June 29 and 30. Ms. Susan Lockwood, Dothan City School curriculum specialist, assisted the instructors in reviewing and revising curriculum so that the secondary and postsecondary program will complement each other. The cooperative effort will allow high school students to transfer to the postsecondary program without loss of credit or

duplication of instruction.

According to Dr. Nancy Edgar, JDCC director of development, the EC-TPAD program has provided training for over fifty educators in the Conecuh County, Escambia County and Brewton City School Systems during the 1992-93 academic year.

"All activities have been funded by a Tech-Prep grant awarded to the consortium through JDCC by the State Department of Education with Carl Perkins Federal Vocational funds," says Dr. Edgar. "The EC-TPAD consortium has also been awarded an implementation grant for 1993-94. The program is designed to strengthen the educational delivery system, instructional program and instructional skills of vocational staff within the consortium member institutions to meet the vocational training needs of students and area businesses and industries."

## Reading Program Expanded at Wallace College

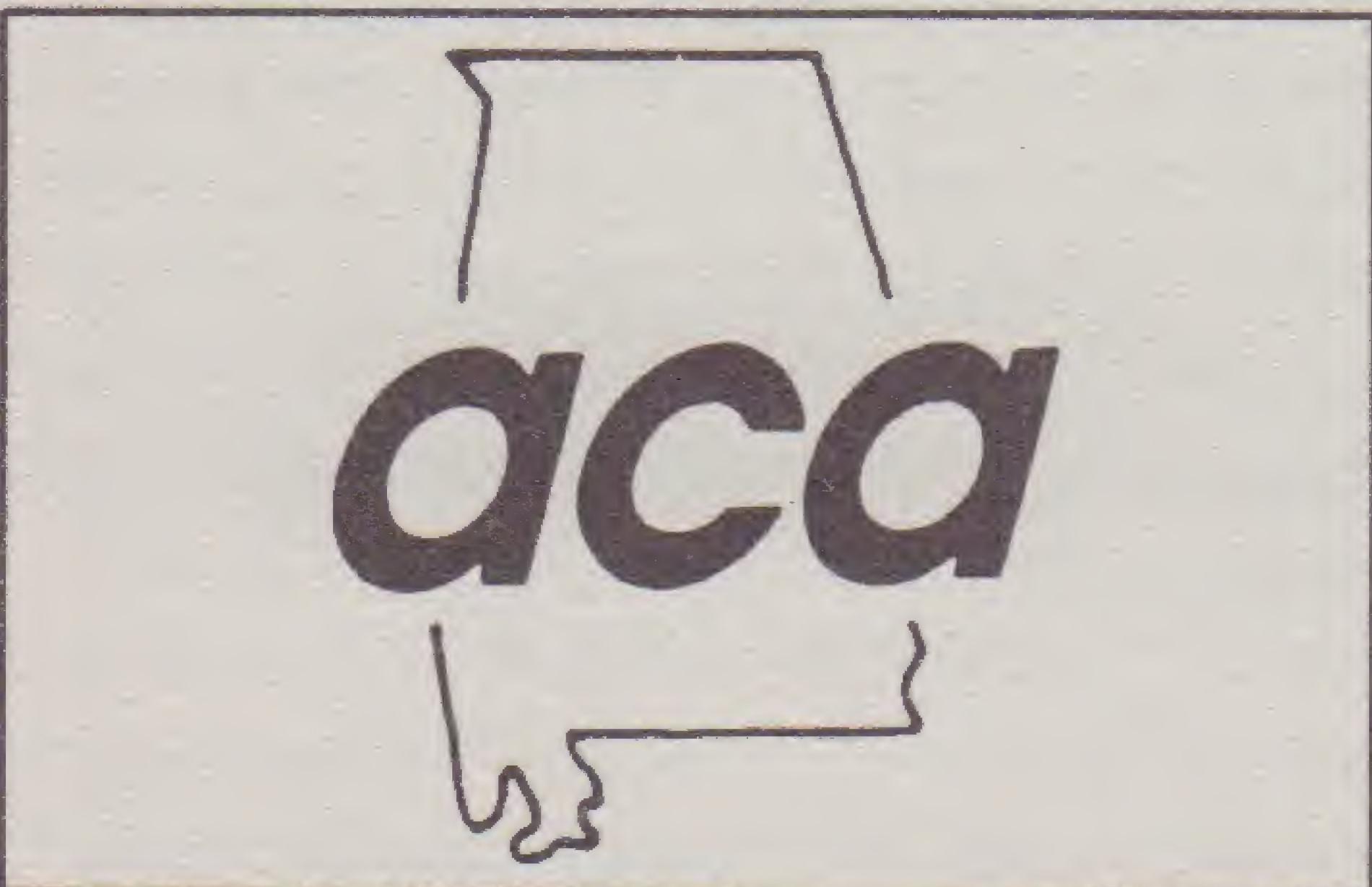
The Reading Program at Wallace College is being expanded greatly this Fall, Dr. Imogene Mixson, Academic Dean, said today. Instead of the usual three or four classes in Reading, there will be 12 on the schedule.

There will be 10 reading classes during the day and two units at night. This will include two speed reading sections--at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.--with the remainder devoted to developmental classes, said William Young, Reading Specialist.

He and Mrs. Jerre Lu Mason, plus two parttime staff members, will teach these classes. They will occupy an entire wing of Grimsley Hall and a computer lab will be added for reading students.

The 34 computers to be placed there will have a vocabulary program with a voice component to pronounce the words. They will soon add basic comprehension programs with phonics

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review, study skills and basic reading skills.

The ASSET test, which is administered to each freshman entering college, indicated last year that 300 of the college's 4,000 students need help with their reading skills. With these classes available to them now, they will find it easier to use their textbooks. As Mr. Young pointed out, reading is a basic skill required in every subject they undertake.

"We have known that some of our students needed more help with their reading, but we did not have enough classes for them until now," he added. "We expect to see a higher retention rate among the students who enroll for these reading classes."

Another project which should help the students is a readability survey of all the textbooks used at the college which Dr. John McMillan, English Dept. chairman, is developing. He plans to determine the reading level of each book, with the help of a computer program generated by Davey Cooley of the college staff.

When it is completed, one may easily discern whether a book is written at the eighth grade level, the 12th grade level, or at the college level and whether a student's skills are adequate for reading and comprehending that book.

## BSTC Outstanding Student Honored by Deans Association

Debbi Dailey of Cottondale was recently honored by the Alabama College System's Deans of Students Association in Montgomery as Bessemer State Technical College's 1993 Outstanding Student.

Ms. Dailey is an Ornamental Horticulture major at Bessemer State Technical College. She attends the college on a scholarship awarded by the Southwestern Council of Garden Clubs.

## Wallace State College-Hanceville Awarded Largest Grant in United States

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Wallace State College-Hanceville a \$903,811 Workplace Literacy Grant, the largest grant awarded in this funding cycle.

The grant will fund the expansion of on-site educational programs already in place at Tyson Foods and will continue the partnership in existence between Wallace State College-Hanceville and Tyson Foods.

Wallace State College was awarded the largest grant out of more than 211 workplace literacy proposals received by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

According to Melissa Morrill, Division of Adult Education and Literacy, proposals for funding were submitted by state education agencies, local education agencies, vocational schools, institutions of higher education, community colleges, employment and training agencies, community-based organizations, business and labor organizations and private industry councils.

Nearing graduation, she has earned a 3.5 grade point average. In addition to attending college, she works full-time at The Garden Shop in Birmingham.

While a student, she has achieved state licensure and certification as a grounds manager, nurseryman and landscape designer, and has licenses for setting of landscape plants and for ornamental and turf pest control.

Ms. Dailey won first place in the 1992 Home and Garden Show competition and received recognition as a 1992 Southern Women's Show garden entrance designer. She is a member of the Cahaba River Society, Birmingham Botanical Society, Alabama and Tuscaloosa Wildlife Society, Friends of Rhododendron at Callaway Gardens and the Alabama Farmer's Federation.

Her career plans are to continue developing her skills as a residential

Of the 211 applications, the U.S. Department of Education will fund approximately 55 projects for a total of \$21,751,000.

This is the third consecutive year Wallace State College-Hanceville has been awarded workplace literacy funding. Only six applicants, of the 54 awarded, have been funded three times.

In 1990, Wallace State College-Hanceville and Opelika State Technical College were awarded a joint workplace literacy grant totaling \$355,334.

The following funding cycle, Wallace State College-Hanceville and Tyson Foods were awarded a \$365,399 grant to implement the workplace literacy program affecting more than 4,000 Tyson employees and five North Alabama plants.

The new grant will expand the program to 13 Tyson facilities in Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas and Texas, while continuing the programs in place at Alabama plants in Gadsden, Blountsville, Boaz, Heflin and Ashland.

landscape designer and project coordinator for landscapes in the Birmingham area. She plans to volunteer with the Botanical Gardens and County Extension Service on projects that relate to her expertise. Ms. Dailey now writes and designs a monthly newsletter for The Garden Shop and plans to expand her interest in garden writing.

She chose Bessemer State "because the Horticulture instructor and program are recognized as the best in the area." According to Ms. Dailey, her training has been great and allowed her to obtain a great job. The flexibility in scheduling classes has allowed her to take a full course load while working full-time and to take care of her family. Ms. Dailey, her husband, Jeff, and son reside in Cottondale. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Poe also of Cottondale.



## Kay Roney Awarded Doctor's Degree

Kay Roney, Director of Development at Wallace College, has received the Educational Doctorate in Administration of Higher Education from the University of Alabama. The degree was awarded May 15, 1993.

Dr. Roney holds the bachelor's and master's degrees in education and in guidance and counseling from Auburn University.

She taught English and history and worked as a high school guidance counselor before joining the Wallace College staff in 1983 as counselor of the Displaced Homemaker program.

She later became Director of Federal Programs and in 1992 was named Director of Development.

Dr. Roney is active in numerous civic and professional organizations. She serves as vice-president and president-elect of the Council for Alabama Resource and Development and is treasurer of the Alabama Association of Women in Education.

She is active in the Dothan First United Methodist Church, the South Alabama Symphony Association, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

and Gayfers Career Council.

Dr. Roney completed the Wiregrass Leadership program and is co-chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Institutional Purpose. She has served on the board of directors for The House of Ruth.

She and her husband, Tom, a Henry County native, are serving as Houston County co-chairmen of the United Way campaign. They are the first couple to serve in that capacity. It is an organization dear to her heart. "United Way's mission is to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another," she said. "I don't think we can depend on the state or federal government to solve all our problems but with United Way, we are taking care of our own."

"Any one of us--or perhaps a member of our family--may at any time have need for blood supplied by the Red Cross; or our children may be involved in Scouting or in Boys or Girls Club activities; or our mother or sister or friend may have taken refuge at the House of Ruth. All of these and many other agencies are supported by United Way."

Born in Alabama, Dr. Roney grew up in Texas and was graduated from Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, TX.

The mother of two--Elizabeth, 20 and Andrew, 16 -- she enjoys weekends at the lake and moonlight boat rides.

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## Southern Union Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Receives Numerous Awards

Southern Union State Junior College's Iota Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa returned from the 75th Annual International Convention in Dallas,

Texas, with a bounty of awards to display. Iota Iota won more awards than any other chapter at the convention.

The awards included Leadership Hallmark, Scholarship Hallmark, Fellowship Hallmark, Mosaic Yearbook, Distinguished Region and first runner-up in the Most Distinguished Chapter competition. Iota Iota also received distinction as the recipient of the Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award which is given to chapters that have received Most Distinguished Chapter status for three consecutive years.

Chapter advisor Karen Stone will serve as Vice Chair of the Association of Chapter Advisors for 1993-94.

Southern Union's PTK Alumni chapter, Iota of Alabama, also received top billing at the convention, earning the Alumni Award of Merit--the highest honor an alumni chapter can receive. Alumni advisor Sheryl Stone was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Honor--the highest honor an alumni member can receive.

## SCC Breaks Ground for New Housing and Class- room Facilities

A groundbreaking ceremony was held today to formally announce the construction of new housing and classroom facilities to be housed at the North Campus of Shoals Community College.

The one-story, ten classroom facility will be primarily used to house all classrooms needed for the following areas: engineering, English, social science, computer-aided instruction, applied academics, pre-pharmacy, mathematics, health linkage programs, pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, and pre-veterinary medicine.

In addition, the facility will house certain technical courses which require the center's special facilities, equipment, and staff which include environmental engineering, hazardous materials management, applied physics and electron-

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ics, computer assisted instruction (CAI), fiber optics and robotics.

The new facility will provide activities and programs in the following areas: eight 720-square foot classrooms for math/science lectures, two 1520 foot classrooms for audio/visual lectures, ten 100 square foot faculty offices, one 650 square foot faculty workroom, faculty and public restrooms, and other service areas. Total gross square footage will be approximately 15,414.

The site for the new facility will be accessible from a recently developed north entrance to the campus and will provide access to other existing academic facilities as well as a future Math/Science Laboratory facility.

The housing facilities project is a two-story, seventy-eight bed residence hall. The new facility will provide the following: suite-type rooms for student residents, indoor and outdoor activity areas, a resident director suite, laundry facilities, and general storage areas. The total gross square footage will be approximately 18,058 square feet.

The site for the facility will be accessible from a recently developed south entrance to the campus and will provide access to academic facilities and athletic fields. Although easy access is desirable for the residents, the facility access will be from a secondary campus drive, rather than direct access from a city street to protect students from unwanted public access. The college will provide dining, recreation and TV areas, computer rooms and reading rooms in the immediate area, thus the need for these programs at the new facility is not necessary. Instead, direct access will be provided from the resident hall to the campus and community services by adjacent roads.

The exterior design of the new facility will use colors and materials that will be complimentary in design to the nearby structures. The entrances and each student residence entry will be well lighted for security and appearance.

Each of the two floors will pro-

vide a resident unit for one resident director and nineteen double occupancy student residences on two wings. The typical student suite will be a cluster of back to back suites around central bathroom facilities. All residence units will have a private entrance, kitchenette, bathroom, and furnishings including twin beds with storage below, closets, a dresser, desk and chair with bookshelves above. The student resident unit will be a single-occupancy and feature a dining table with seating for two, a recliner chair and side table. Also, each room will have a large window.

A laundry room, entertaining area, maintenance, custodial, mechanical and electrical and service area will be provided as well. The laundry facilities will be located on the ground level in close proximity to the recreation room to better serve students' recreational needs while the laundry is being done.

Larry McCoy, President of SCC, stated, "Shoals Community College has experienced rapid growth in terms of both student enrollment and curricula development. The service area of SCC, Colbert, Lauderdale, and western Lawrence counties is housing deficient in terms of modest, rental units which have easy accessibility to the college and affordability to the student. This facility will remedy the residential problem now experienced by students so that environmental elements will contribute to student success rather than an obstacle to the learning process."

The classroom and housing facilities are expected to be completed by December, 1993.

## Putting Classroom Knowledge To Use

Do you love the sea? Like to study marine life? Well, unless you are a student in general zoology at Snead State Community College, you are missing out! General Zoology students at Snead State Community College are gearing up for their annual voyage to Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

According to Dr. David Wilson, zoology instructor at Snead State Community College, "Students will have an opportunity to trawl and seine for marine life, analyze plankton samples, and comb a stretch of secluded beach. It is a great opportunity for students to see specimens alive instead of just in a book or in a photograph."

Students will begin the hands-on learning experience aboard the A. E. Verrill, a sixty-five foot research vessel. The A. E. Verrill will take the students into lower Mobile Bay and then head out into the Gulf of Mexico. Students will spend the half-day boat trip analyzing specimens collected from the bottom of the sea by trawling. Later that same afternoon, students will seine in salt water marshes for more samples.

Dr. Wilson's philosophy is that students learn best by experience. This belief will be put to use as the students analyze the samples gathered by trawling and seining. Using laboratories at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Snead State Community College students will study plankton samples.

Part of the last day will be spent along the beach and at the grill. Students will comb a secluded four-mile section of beach. In previous years, Snead students have spotted seeds from tropical plants that have washed across the sea as well as various representatives of marine life. According to Dr. Wilson, "You never know what you might find left on the beach by the last high tide - anything from a jellyfish to a dolphin or sea turtle."

The final night of the trip is time for the students to enjoy their catch. Blue crabs and shrimp caught during the boat trip and the seining expedition are boiled and served for dinner on a deck overlooking the Gulf.

Since 1982, students enrolled in zoology classes at Snead State Community College have had the opportunity to study the creatures of the sea - not just by reading but by doing.

## Clayton Jordan Named Wallace College's New Tennis Coach

Clayton Jordan is the new tennis coach at Wallace College -- Dothan, AL. The program is being reactivated at the college with scholarships available for six men and six women players.

"He is a quality person a a quality coach," said Gene Dews, Athletic Director. "He will represent the college well and will bring enthusiasm to the program."

"I am thankful for the opportunity," Mr. Jordan said. "I have been a big supporter of Wallace College, especially the sports program."

A member of the Dothan Tennis Association, Mr. Jordan is recreation director at a local church and gives tennis lessons in the area. The position at Wallace College is a part-time post.

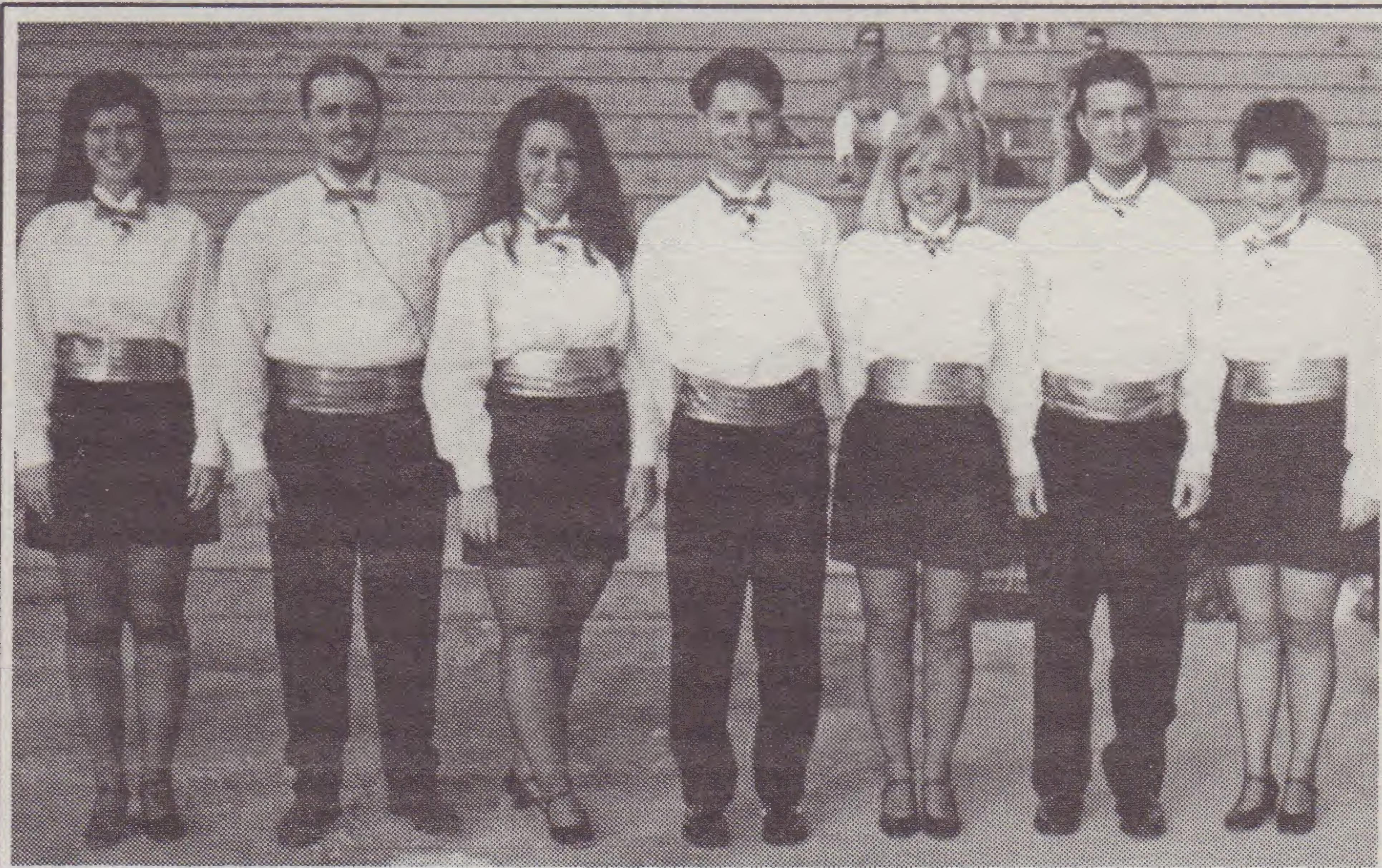
He was graduated from Niceville (Fla.) High School and attended Pensacola Junior College. He holds a

bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida and a master's degree from the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

"I see a lot of good tennis players at the high school level," he said. "Hopefully, we can let them know what is available and they will want our scholarships. They will see that they can get an education while improving their tennis."

"I know the kids and the parents and the community. I like team tennis when they get together and have a goal to shoot for."

Dr. Larry Beaty, Wallace College President, said the program has the support of the Dothan Tennis Association. "I met with the DTA recently and they are thrilled to have collegiate level tennis back in Dothan. They say it will offer many opportunities for local youngsters."



**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE GROUP—CODE 6**, a four-part harmony musical group is composed of Northeast Alabama State Community College students, and performs Broadway tunes, patriotic songs, and "oldies" hits. The group is available to perform at civic clubs, conventions, and other community functions. Members of the group shown are, left to right: Elizabeth Webb of Los Angeles and Brownsboro; Kenneth Allen, Grant; Kim Chesser, Fyffe; Stan Hanby, Fort Payne; Barbara Allen, Pisgah; Tim Bufford, Scottsboro; and Susan Wright, Scottsboro. New members not pictured are Tonya Rhodarmer, Paul Formby, of Douglas; and Jeff Bright of Gaylesville.

## "Smart-Sizing" Computer Science Labs is Smart Move for Bessemer Tech

Many businesses today are "smart-sizing" -- replacing their mainframe computers with high-powered PC's. And Bessemer State Tech is no exception.

The College's Computer Science Department recently invested \$75,000 to furnish three classrooms with 45 state-of-the-art computers, networking software and hardware, software for electronic publication, and hardware for multimedia presentation and authoring.

The purchase is a major step toward eliminating the mainframe for both administrative and classroom purposes. "Upgrading or replacing the mainframe would have cost much more than an entire lab of PC's," said Rick Partain, computer science instructor at the college. "PC's are just much more practical. You don't have to keep maintenance contracts. And if something fails, you can just replace it because it's financially feasible to do so."

The new 386DX-40Mhz computers -- similar to those commonly found in the work place -- are equipped with 120MB hard drives and 8MB physical RAM. According to Partain, the expanded memory capacity enables the department to upgrade the present level of instruction in several classes, as well as open new areas of instruction. "With the new equipment, we can offer a couple of courses that we couldn't before. Like Networking, Electronic Publishing and Multimedia Authoring."

Three of the new computers have sound boards and enough memory to generate motion video required for the production of multimedia presentations. "Students will learn how to write interactive programs similar to Compton's Multimedia Encyclopedia," says Partain, "with motion video, animation, and sound, as well as text, on the

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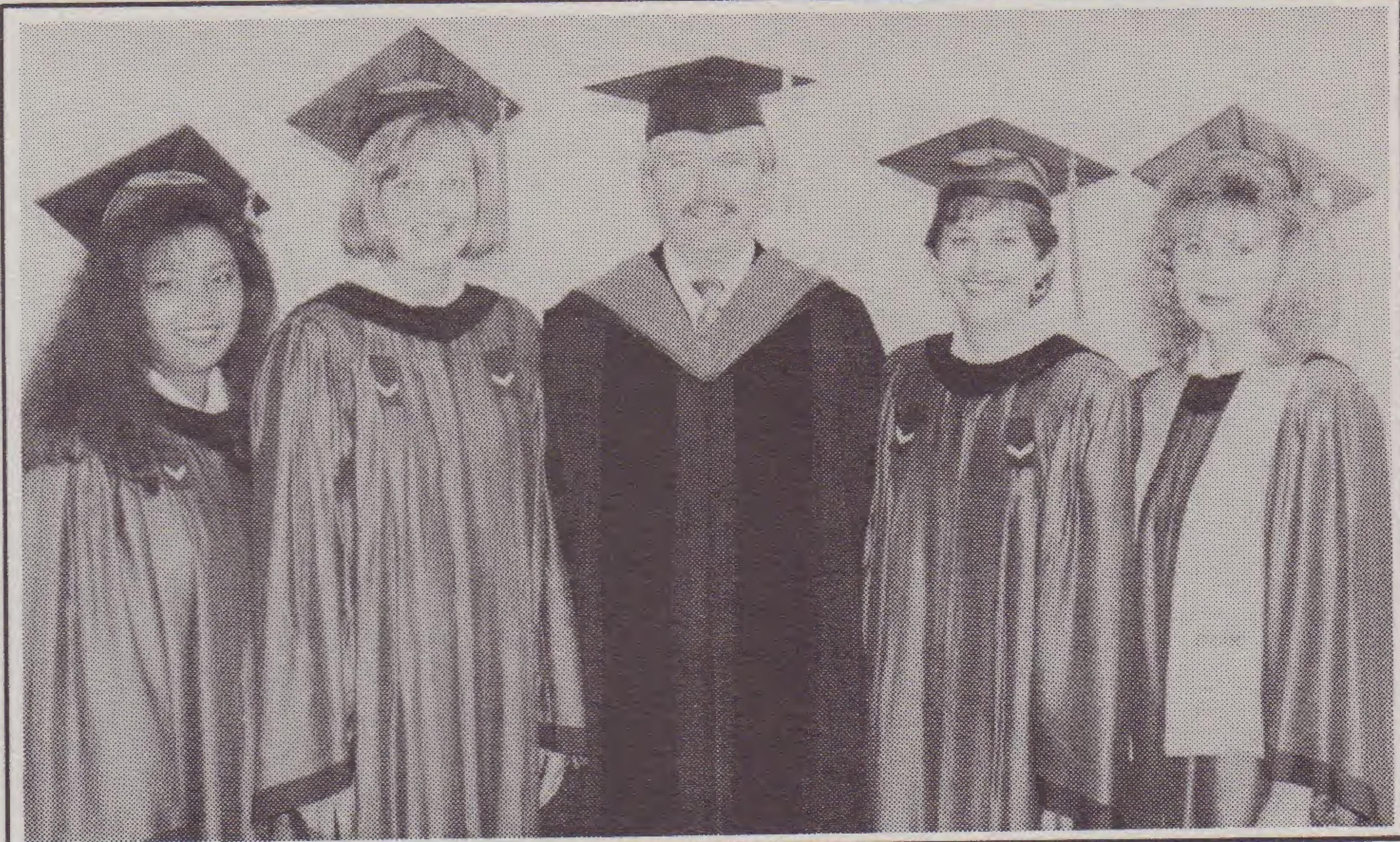
screen. Only, of course, on a much smaller scale."

"These areas of study," Partain believes, "will open up new opportunities for student placement by providing training in fields of exceptional growth in the job market."

As the only Alabama institution, two-year or four-year, presently addressing the need for trained network managers and electronic publishers, Bessemer State Tech believes its graduates will be even more attractive and competitive in today's job market. "For both students and the college, that's one smart move," says Partain.

## College To Benefit Abused Children

The Northeast Alabama State Community College drama program's premiere performance of the popular musical comedy, "The Music Man", will benefit local child abuse agencies. This is the third year that drama instructor, Ann Everett, and her cast will present a benefit to help these abused children. In speaking at the benefit organizational meeting, Elizabeth Rusk, executive director of the advocacy center, said, "Just as Ms. Everett gives the tools to perform, we give children the tools to take action concerning abuse. At the center, we provide an environment for interviewing in which children can feel secure, surrounded with toys in a home setting. You help us to provide the tools to give them courage." Ms. Everett stated that these benefits give the cast and crew a great opportunity to give through the use of their talent. She said, "Drama pulls so much from life's tragedies. It's wonderful when a theatre can pay back with something concrete." The benefit performance will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 31, at the college. Regular performances of "The Music Man" will be November 2-7.



## Academic & Athletics - A Good Mix at Snead State

Each year, the National Junior College Athletic Association recognizes the top academic teams in each sport in order to promote academics. This year, the Snead State Community College women's tennis team ranked second in the nation academically with a 3.10 GPA.

The Lady Parsons' tennis team also boasted a 100% graduation rate among its sophomore players. The team consisted of eight players: six sophomores and two freshmen. Graduating in the spring of 1993 with high honors were Vickey Osborn Scott of Boaz and Susan Weaver of Collinsville. Also graduating in the spring were Tonia Bedwell of Centre, Leann Station of Snead, and Tara Wilkes Morgan of Arab. Heather Hodges of Grant completes her degree this summer. Both of the freshmen members (Jacey Koone of Bremen, Georgia and Jena Roddy of Rockmart, Georgia) will be returning for their second season with the Snead State Community College women's tennis team.

Two of the veteran members received scholarships to continue in the sport. Tonia Bedwell will play for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Heather Hodges will suit up for the University of North Alabama.

Two players were recognized for their athletic performance and academic achievements. Vickey Osborn Scott was selected as a Distinguished Academic All-American, an honor presented to outstanding athletes who maintain a 3.8 grade point average or higher. Vickey plans to continue her pursuit of a marketing degree at Athens State. Susan Weaver was named as an Academic All American. This award was presented to athletes who maintained at least a 3.6 grade point average. Susan will begin Auburn University this fall. She plans to major in business administration.

Tara Wilkes Morgan, the Alabama/Region 22 #3 singles champion, is majoring in engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Leann Station is continuing her education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She is studying biology.

Not only was the Snead State Community College women's tennis team recognized nationally for academic achievement, the team also finished second in the Alabama/Region 22 tournament, thereby qualifying them for the NJCAA national tournament this past May in Plano, Texas.

## City/County Adult Education Programs Form Network

Approximately one out of every three adults in the Wiregrass area does not have a high school diploma. The newly-formed Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network is organized to help those adults obtain the education they need and want.

Dr. Bobby Deas, Coordinator of Adult Education with the State Department of Education, announced the formation of the Network during a recent news conference held at Enterprise State Junior College.

The Network is part of the State's Adult Education Division five-year plan to establish such multisystems for 75% of their programs. "We are the only organized state and federal program providing second opportunities for adults lacking a high school education to learn necessary life skills" says Dr. Dees.

Last year, the Enterprise, Elba, and Ozark city school systems and the Coffee, Dale, and Geneva county school systems individually offered more than 30 GED exam preparation and English as a second language classes with

over 400 adult learners enrolled. By pooling their resources with Enterprise State's, these school systems now have the financial resources to provide a full-time supervisor and the materials necessary for a cohesive program with goals and objectives and the means of obtaining them.

Through the new network, our rural areas heretofore unavoidably neglected, can now be reached through additional class sites such as public housing authorities, community centers, churches, vocational schools and county jails.

Dr. Deas announced that the supervisor for the Network is Susan Steck of Enterprise State Junior College. For More Information about the Southeast Alabama Education Network or about how adults may learn to read, prepare for the GED exam for a high school equivalency certificate, or learn English as a second language through the multisystem, contact Mrs. Steck at (205) 393-ESJC, ext 210.

## Birmingham Town Meeting To Be Held at Lawson State

Lawson State Community College was the host site on October 4 at 7:00 p.m. for a Town Meeting sponsored by A+. The general meeting began in the Fine Arts building and then divided into several break-out sessions around campus.

A+ has scheduled twelve Town Meetings around the state. The meetings have two purposes. The first is to discuss education reform with as many Alabamians as possible - to get ideas, to listen to concerns, and to define the kind of schools we want in this state. The second is to encourage involvement in the reform process.

Founded in April 1991, A+ represents a diverse group of Alabama citizens who joined together to create The Coalition For Better Education. The group was formed as a non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to working for comprehensive education reform in Alabama. The A+ Research Foundation studies and prepares reports on all aspects of K-12 public education in Alabama and shares its findings with the people of Alabama.

Reports from the first town meetings have served as a basis of ideas for the Governor's Task Force on Education Reform.

## GSCC Instructor Has Powertip Published

Marilyn Butler, Gadsden State Community College Business instructor, recently had a POWERTIP published in the June issue of PC World. Ms. Butler teaches office administration courses at GSCC and her tip helps users of Wordperfect software programs avoid splitting documents between pages when merging.

## Fulbright Scholar Completes Research

Athens State College, Athens, AL -- Earlier this year, Athens State College professor, Dr. Al Mierzejewski, was named as a recipient of a Fulbright research grant. The grant allowed him to spend ten months living in Germany conducting research. Dr. Mierzejewski's project involved researching the history of the German National Railway Company from 1920 - 1945.

Dr. Mierzejewski spent the first four and a half months of the visit in what once was East Germany. He lived in Potsdam and conducted his research in the Berlin area. His research took him to several other areas of the country as well, including Coswig, Merseburg,

Munich, Ludwigsburg and Freiburg. In addition to research, Dr. Mierzejewski also worked as a guest professor at the Philipps-Universitat located in Marburg/Lahn, Germany.

According to Dr. Mierzejewski, his research efforts were completely successful. He added, however, "Germany has entered a new and difficult phase of its history". "The west is changing just as much as the east". He stated that the once small, rich country of West Germany is today a country facing profound systemic problems.

Dr. Mierzejewski's research will be published by the University of North Carolina Press.

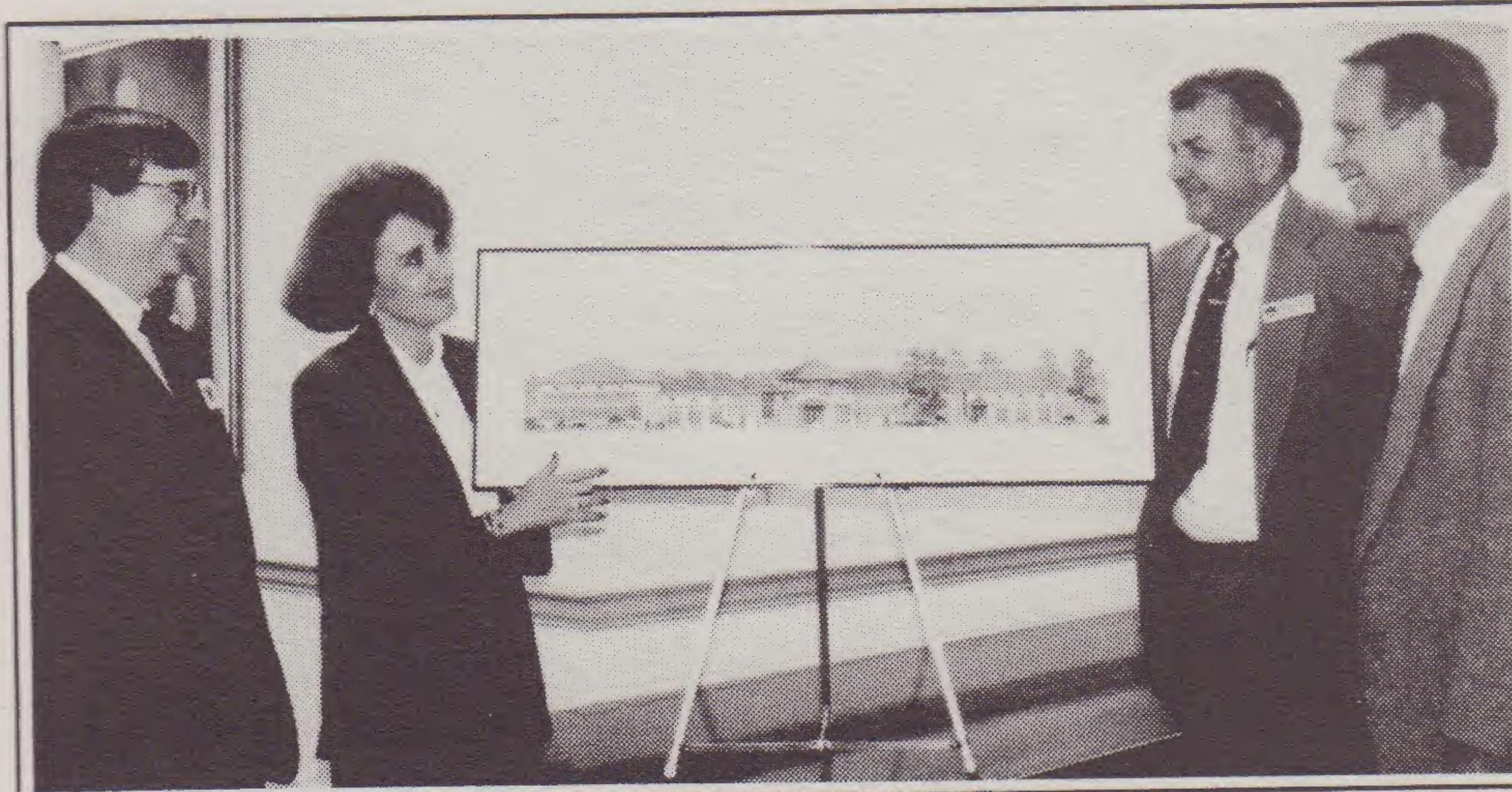


Doug Whitson (r), student at Alabama Aviation & Technical College, receives a plaque from James Burchette (l), AATC flight instructor

## FLIGHT STUDENTS SET NATIONAL SPEED RECORD

Doug Whitson, formerly a Birmingham resident, and another flight student, Marlon Brose, have been recognized by the National Aeronautics Association for setting a national speed record over a recognized course. Brose & Whitson flew a Cessna 172 between

Killeen, Texas & Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 3 hours and 52 minutes at a ground speed of 100.72 mph. As a result of this achievement their names are recorded in the book of records at the Air & Space Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.



Auburn University is cooperating with the University of Alabama System and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama to establish and support five Centers for Excellence throughout the state. Representatives from Auburn recently visited Sparks State Technical College to discuss The Bevill Center for Advanced Electronics Technology, which is being constructed on the Sparks Tech campus. Pictured (L-R): Dr. William I. Sauser, Associate Vice President and Professor of the Auburn University Extension Service; Dr. Linda C. Young, President of Sparks; Dr. Gene J. Watson, Executive Director of the Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. John M. Owens, Associate Dean for Research and Director of Auburn's Engineering Experiment Station.

## Telephone Registration Premieres at GSCC

The first two hours in the history of telephone registration at Gadsden State Community College finished this morning with a total of 254 calls to the system, reported David Burgess, GSCC systems manager, and Ben Mitchell, of EPOS, Inc.

About 130 people completed registration by telephone and 53 transferred their calls to speak with an operator or advisor. Another 67 calls ended due to callers hanging up or entering errors and not completing the registration process.

Dean of Instruction Cliff Osborn said, "I think that is great; I didn't think we would get that many on the telephone right at first." Burgess said everyone involved with the new telephone system will be eager to see the report on calls received over the weekend. The telephone system will register until 4 p.m. and then again continuously between 6 p.m. today and 10 p.m. Monday, August 23. Beginning on Tuesday, the system will be open between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays except Fridays between 4 and 6 p.m. On the weekends, students who have previously been admitted to the College will be able to register all 24 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Fall Quarter Telephone registration ends Tuesday, Sept. 7, and classes begin Thursday, Sept. 9.

On campus, security personnel reported some students began their wait as early as 4:30 a.m. and Bryan Stone, registrar, estimated 600 persons registered in person in the first two hours of regular registration.

## ACA Conference

November 21-23

## Cynthia Anthony is JTPA Outstanding Professional of the Year.

Cynthia Anthony of Birmingham is Alabama's Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Outstanding Employment and Training Professional of the Year. The award is presented annually by the Governor.

Ms. Anthony coordinates the JTPA programs at Bessemer State Technical College. Over the past three years, she has helped provide a vital service to hundreds of dislocated workers and economically disadvantaged individuals.

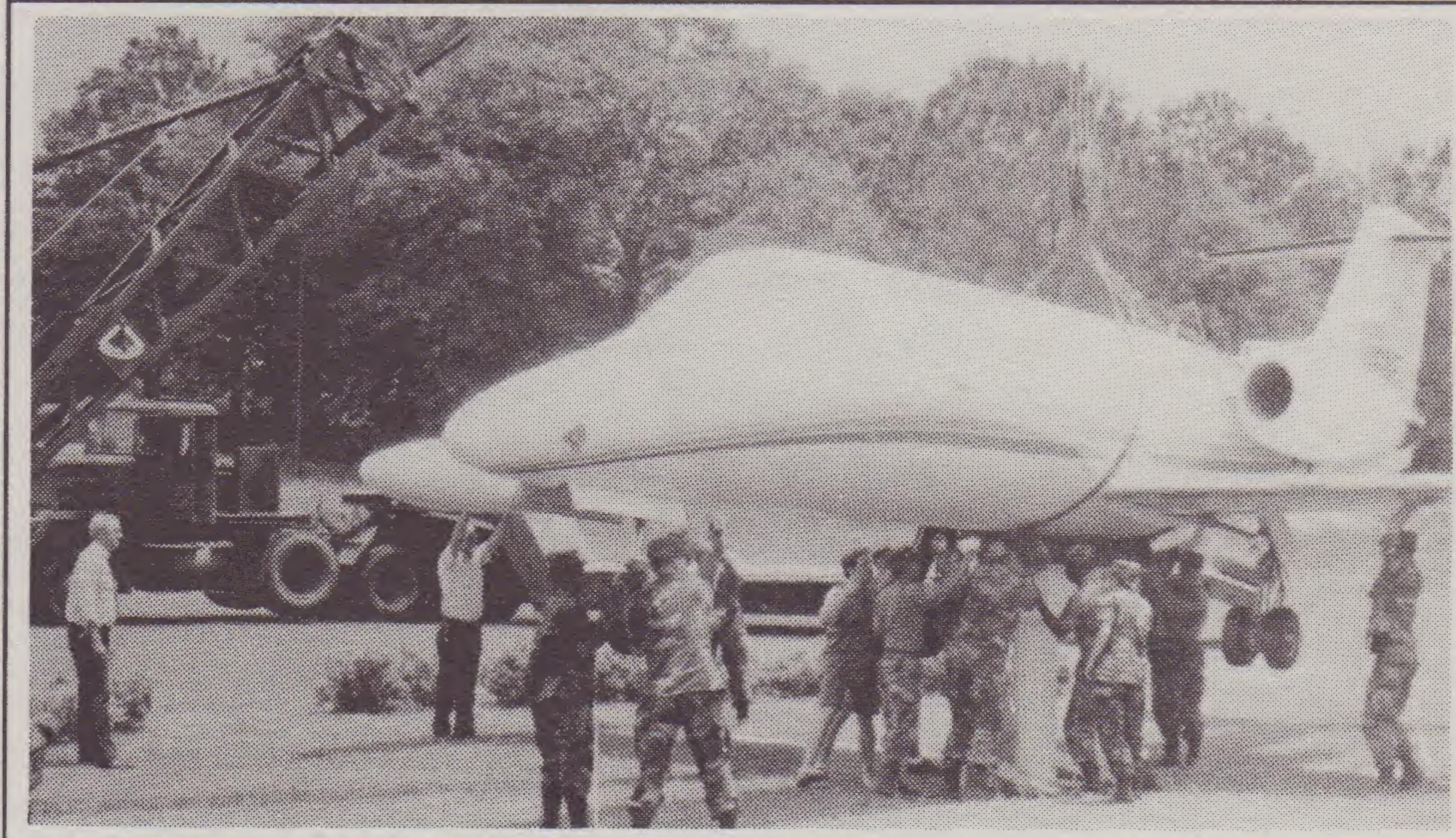
From a 1990 contract of

\$120,000, Bessemer State's contracts grew to over \$421,000 for 1993. Job placement rates for participants have averaged 85 percent each year.

Ms. Annthony's previous honors include Bessemer State Technical College's 1992 Administrator of the Year, the 1992 Alabama Department of Postsecondary's Chancellor's Award Nominee, Outstanding Service Award-West Central Alabama Skills Center (YEP), and the 1989 Glenwood Mental

Health Services Supervisor of the Year.

Ms. Anthony is a recognized leader in her community and in her profession. She is Assistant Director of Women's Ministries and a Youth Ministry teacher at New Hope Baptist Church and is active in Ephesus Junior Academy PTO. She is also a member of Chi Sigma Total, a counseling academic and professional honor society and is a member of Talladega College and UAB Alumni Societies.



## 46TH Engineer Battalion Moves Lear Jet for Aviation College

The aviation college in Ozark has a new image, thanks to the combined volunteer efforts of individuals and groups from the community and the college. The 46th Engineer Battalion did outstanding work in removing the F84 jet, which graced the front lawn for 21 years, and replacing it with a modern Lear Jet. LTC Wachutka and the soldiers of A Company removed the F84 jet, and soldiers from Headquarters and Service Company mounted the donated Lear. All of these individuals gave ex-

traordinary effort, and both phases of the project were expertly completed in record time.

"We're grateful to our Ft. Rucker neighbors for so willingly providing such a valuable community service," commended Dr. Shirley Woodie, President of AATC, "The Lear symbolizes commercial aviation and more accurately reflects the mission of our institution."

E & H Steel of Midland City donated materials and labor and manufactured the cradle used for mounting

the aircraft.

Dan Riley, AATC instructor, and his students worked for six months to ready the Lear Jet for its new home. They washed, scraped, painted and polished the jet to mint condition.

"Without the combined volunteer efforts of soldiers at Fort Rucker, personnel from E & H Steel, and AATC faculty and students, we could not have achieved the long-time goal of updating the college's image with a modern aircraft," said Dr. Woodie. "We appreciate all of their efforts, and we are grateful that we are privileged to be a part of an area that is so supportive of our institution."

## GSCC Talent Search to Attend Summer Institute

The Gadsden-Etowah Talent Search program at Gadsden State Community College has announced that five students from area high schools will attend a summer institute at Hinds Community College in Utica, Miss. They are Hilary Ray, Nicole Lucas, both sophomores at Litchfield High School; Domingo Dowell, sophomore at Emma Sansom High School; Marius Core and LeShebra Patillo, both juniors at Gadsden High School.

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# Alabama College Association

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Preconference: November 21, 1993  
Conference: November 22 & 23, 1993  
Birmingham - Sheraton Civic Center

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Hear the renowned Barbara Jones of Northwest Mississippi Community College speak on  
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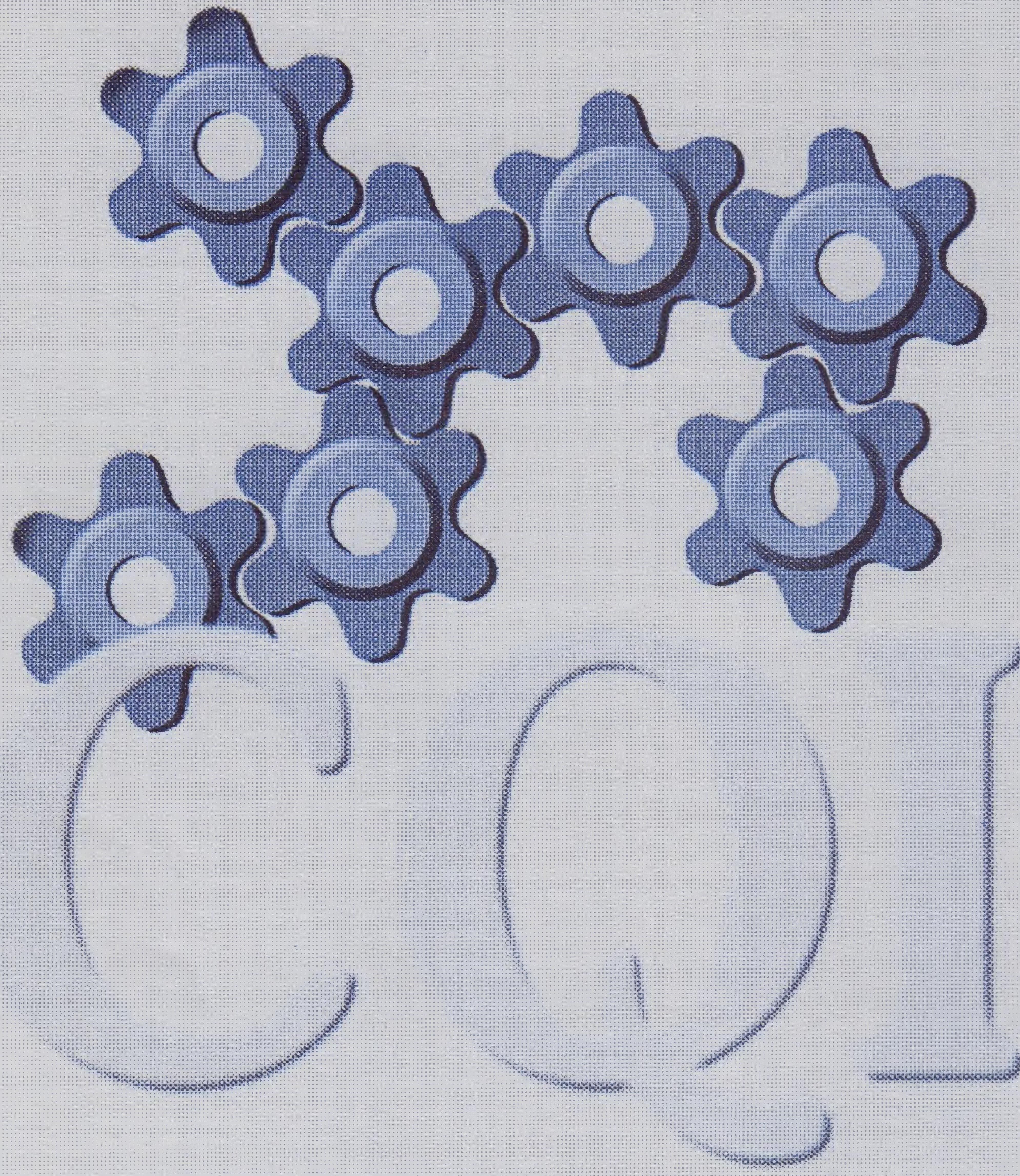
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